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Ms. Marlene Dortch
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RE: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, High Cost
Universal Service Support; WC Docket No. 05-337; In the Matter of Federal-State
Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; In the Matter of Sprint
Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Routing and Rating of Traffic by
ILECs; CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch

On April 16, 2007, Mr. Randy Houdek, Mr. John Tormoehlen, and the undersigned, representatives of the South Dakota Telecommunications Association, both met with Mr. Ian Dillner, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin. Messrs. Houdek and Tormoehlen discussed the need for reform of the current Universal Service Fund mechanism, and for a ruling on intercarrier compensation issues raised in the Sprint Declaratory Ruling proceeding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-828-5510.

Sincerely,


Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr.

cc: Mr. Ian Dillner